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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An elevator system including an elevator car movable within a hoistway comprising:

a machine for driving an elevator car through a hoistway;

a counterweight mounted in the hoistway and having a deflection sheave;

an elevator car mounted for movement in the hoistway and having a deflection sheave;

and

said machine having a drive sheave, said drive sheave, and said deflection sheaves all having parallel axes of rotation, wherein said drive sheave axis and said deflection sheave axes are parallel to an outer wall of said car, and a connecting member passing over said deflection sheaves and said drive sheave to drive said counterweight and said car within the hoistway, said machine mounted in the hoistway, and in a space between said car and a wall defining the hoistway, such that said machine is not directly above said car, said car being movable within the hoistway such that it is at least partially vertically aligned with said machine when in a vertically uppermost position.

2. (Original) An elevator system as set forth in Claim 1, wherein there are a pair of opposed guide rails for guiding an elevator car, said guide rails being mounted at opposed longitudinal ends of an axis of rotation of said drive sheave.

3. (Currently Amended) An elevator system as set forth in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 12, wherein a bedplate connects said opposed guide rails and said machine is mounted on said bedplate.

4. (Currently Amended) An elevator system as set forth in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 12, wherein said elevator car is cantilever mounted from said guide rails.

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5. (Original) An elevator system as set forth in Claim 4, wherein said guide rails have guiding surfaces at longitudinally outer sides and said elevator car is connected on said outer guide surfaces.
6. (Original) An elevator system as set forth in Claim 5, wherein said counterweight is guided on longitudinally inner guide rails.
7. (Original) An elevator system as set forth in Claim 6, wherein said guide rails for said counterweight are positioned to be closer to a wall than said guide rails for said elevator car.
8. (Original) An elevator system as set forth in Claim 5, wherein said elevator car has a vertically uppermost point of travel which is vertically above said machine.
9. (Currently Amended) An elevator system as set forth in ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 3, wherein said connecting member is connected to a dead end hitch at each of two opposed ends and on said bedplate.
10. (Original) An elevator system as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said deflection sheave associated with said elevator car is positioned between an outer edge of a cabin for receiving passengers in said car, and the wall which will define the hoistway.
11. (Original) An elevator system as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said drive sheave and said deflection sheaves all are at generally equal axial positions along their respective parallel axes of rotation.
12. (New) An elevator system as set forth in claim 2, wherein said machine is mounted to said opposed guide rails.